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SABBATH SERVICES:

Sabbath School, 9:30 A. M.
Church Services, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E., 6:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, (Wednesday), 7:30 P. M.

THE Young People's Society will give a social on St. Valentine's day.

PRESERVE this issue of the VISITOR for future reference. It has in it two important things, the Constitution of the church, and the Sections of the ladies of the church.

THE ladies of the 1st section of the church will give a supper and art exhibit and picture sale at the church, Thursday evening, February 24th. Bring your friends and neighbors with you to this social.

Have you filled out a subscription card for the current expenses for 1898? If not, do so at once. If you have no card ask the Financial Secretary, C. H. Gumpper, or the pastor for one,

J. W. VOGT, of Dayton, Ohio, a brother-in-law of the pastor spent Sabbath, January 23rd, at the parsonage. Mr. Vogt is a traveling man and spends a good part of his time in the southern states. He is very much pleased with the south and has much of interest to relate about that part of the country.

A LINCOLN birthday service will be held at the Grace Reformed church, Sabbath evening, February 13th, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans. The grand army posts and their auxiliaries, the military organizations of the city, and the old soldiers and their friends are invited to the service. The following is the programme:

Chant..... Congregation
Invocation and Voluntary.
Hym—"America,"..... Congregation
Scripture Reading.
Battle Hymn of the Republic..... Congregation
Address—"Lincoln as a Soldier and a Statesman,"
..... W. E. Clapham
Hym—"Oh Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."
Address—"Lincoln as a Christian,".....
..... Rev. A. K. Zartman
Anthem.
Hymn and Offertory.
Benediction.

CONSTITUTION OF GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, IND.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The name and title of this Congregation shall be The Grace Reformed Church, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SEC. 2. Its object shall be to provide its members with the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, and the exercise of Christian Discipline in accordance with the confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

SEC. 3. This Congregation shall be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States, and shall be governed by its Constitution and Laws.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. The Officers shall be a Pastor, Four Elders, Four Deacons, a Treasurer, and a Financial Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Pastor, Elders and Deacons shall constitute the Consistory and Board of Trustees.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Trustees shall be such as are laid down in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 4. The Consistory shall at its annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible elect a Clerk and such other officers as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. The Consistory shall meet annually on the first day of January for the transaction of business and final settlement with the Treasurer and other officers, and at such other times as may be necessary.

SEC. 6. To the Board of Trustees shall be entrusted the management of all the property of the Congregation, real, personal and mixed, in accordance with the Consti-

tution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

SEC. 7. The Treasurer of the Congregation shall receive all funds at the hands of the Financial Secretary and all other sources. And shall pay the same upon the order of the President and Clerk of the Consistory, excepting monies raised for the support of the Pastor, which shall be paid without such order.

SEC. 8. The Financial Secretary of the Church shall secure the pledges for the current expenses of the Church. He shall take charge of the Sabbath offerings, keep a careful record of the same and in due time deposit all amounts with the Treasurer, duly receipted. He shall also issue to the members of the Church quarterly statements of their accounts with the Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. All members in good standing and who have contributed to the support of the Congregation according to their ability, during the year preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote at all elections.

SEC. 2. An election shall be held for Pastor whenever the Consistory shall nominate and appoint a meeting for the purpose, according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. At this election a President, Clerk, and three Judges of the election shall be appointed, who shall certify the result to the Clerk of the Consistory. Every minister who may be elected must, before he can be installed or introduced into office, be a minister in good standing in the Classis to which the Congregation belongs.

SEC. 3. An election of two Elders, two Deacons, a Financial Secretary, and a Treasurer shall be held at the annual meeting January 1st, each year. The Elders and

Deacons shall serve for two years, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary for one year.

SEC. 4. The Consistory shall at least ten days before the day of election nominate candidates; but it shall not prevent the congregation on the day of election, from nominating additional names, and no previous tenure of office shall disqualify any person from being such a candidate.

SEC. 5. In case of a vacancy by death, removal or otherwise, the Consistory shall appoint a day for a special election to fill said vacancy. And that said election shall be appointed and held within one month from the date of such vacancy.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. Every person is a member of this Congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by confirmation, by letter, or by renewal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by the Constitution of the Reformed Church.

SEC. 2. All members shall strive to promote the general welfare of the church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to their ability towards its support.

ARTICLE V.

AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Constitution or any part of it may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a meeting called for the purpose, provided that at least ten days notice of the same shall have been given.

SEC. 2. All elections and other business requiring the action of the Congregation, except as provided in Article III, Section 3 of this Constitution shall be decided by a majority vote of those present at such election or meeting.

THE following officers were elected at the annual congregational meeting on New Year's morning: Elders, C. F. Close, Frank Bercot; Deacons, G. W. Soliday, C. H. Gumper; Financial Secretary, C. H. Gumper; Treasurer, Perry J. Archer.

THE entertainment given at the church by the Star Jubilee Singers was a surprise to all. The program was fine from beginning to end. Miss Clay delighted the audience with her recitals of "The Kentucky Philosophy," "Sander's Romance, and No Sir," etc. The renditions by the quartette of "The Chime Bells," "National Medley," "Steam Caliope," "Kentucky Babe," and the duet, "We are the Ticklish Kind," by Miss Clay and Mr. Winston; and the solo, "My Lover is a Sailor Lad," by Mrs. Winston were all well executed. The entertainment was chaste and first-class throughout. We wish that the entertainment might be repeated at some later date. Our people who were not at the entertainment missed a rare treat.

THE officers elected for the Young People's Society for 1898 are as follows: President, Josephine Zartman; Vice-President, Walter Close; Secretary, Lizzie Rudisil; Treasurer, William Walter.

Prayer Meeting Committee—A. K. Zartman.

Lookout Committee—Walter Close, William Walter, Ernest Close, Anna Doermer, Lizzie Rudisil.

Flower Committee—Nellie French, Emma Schwartz, Lyda Niedhammer.

Social Committee—Bertha Goba, Mary Rudisil, Lulu and Lottie Bitner, Lillie Close, Estella and Netta Heyman, Clark Bitner, William Rudisil, Chas. and John Knight, Robert Niedhammer.

Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Zartman, Lyda Niedhammer.

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MONTHLY meeting of the Young People's Society Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th.

THE supper given by the Men's League on New Year's evening netted \$30.00. Every person enjoyed the supper and all had a good sociable time.

MRS. ZARTMAN'S father has come to make his home with the pastor's family. We are glad to have him with us, and we hope he will find Fort Wayne a pleasant home.

THE Sunday School is doing excellent work since the introduction of our new methods of grading the scholars. We are having better attendance and better everything.

THE Valentine social by the young people will be our first social in this year. Let every person turn out. They will have a good programme and every person may receive a valentine from the postoffice which they will have. Tickets for the entertainment, and cream and cake, ten cents.

AT a ministerial meeting held on a recent Monday morning, one of our pastors said there were three kinds of people in the churches: "The workers, the shirkers, and the jerkers." He wished the first class might be multiplied, the second diminished, and that the Lord might deliver the church from the third class.

MONTHLY Consistory Meeting Monday evening, February 7th. Every member of the Consistory is expected at this meeting.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage, Tuesday evening, Jan. 18th, William Arnhold and Ella M. Talmage. Bride and groom are both residents of Fort Wayne.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AND AID SOCIETY.

Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees for 1898.

President—Mrs. C. H. Gumpper.

Vice Pres—Mss. Anna Niehoff.

Secretary—Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

Treasurer—Miss Anna Doerner.

Executive Committee—Mesdames George Hesser, Henry Kessler, John Bottger.

Social Committees—First Section—Mesdames John Bottger, J. Rudisill, C. H. Gumpper, A. C. Katt; P. J. Archer, Jacob Hetrick, Frank Cour, Mabel Clayton, Rufus Drukenbrod, John Waters, Ed. Grosjean, W. Mitchel, George Miller, Rachel Wells, W. Kirkham, S. Frederick, John Frederick, W. H. Riley, O. Foncanon, Martin Blum, Mary Lewis, Alice Mulen, John Beighler, F. Burnett, F. Schearer, Jerome Fry, Phillip Wick, Anna Tarman, Frank Seeger, Bell Richard, Ellar Majors, W. H. Friend, Freda Schaaf, Louis Martin, John Koehnlein, Misses Ida Kirkham, Mary Rudisill, Libbie Felker, Jennie Riley, Lizzie Rudisill, Lillie Kirkham, Clara Perry, Mr. Harry Keplinger.

Entertainment committee—Mesdames C. H. Gumpper, P. J. Archer, Mabel Clayton, R. Drukenbrod, Miss Lizzie Rudisill. Cashier, Libbie Felker.

Second Section—Mesdames Henry Kessler, C. C. Gumpfer, S. Dukeman, J. W. Vinning, D. Henderson, A. Barbier, Wm. Cutler, D. Walter; F. D. Paulus, S. Wertman, Charles Habecker, J. Certia, Ed. Chausse, John Yenni, Martha Hobson, J. Schneider, Anna Niehoff, H. Tapp, H. Stoll, S. W. McKee, Jas. Evard, S. Lantz, A. Giulaum, M. Jackson, Mary Young, John Smith, Ernest Vordermark, James Smith, George Smith, Lena Fritz, Lizzie Keller. Misses Nellie French, Lillie, Jennie and Daisy Walters, Mollie Schneider, Carrie and Kittie Vinning, Tena Welden, Bertha Cour, Orphia and Lillie Evard, Kate Miller, Emma Raquet, Anna Kaiser.

Entertainment committee—Mesdames Anna Niehoff, S. Dukeman, Miss Nellie French, Lillie Walters, Bertha Cour. Cashier, Miss Nellie French.

Third Section—Mesdames—Geo. Hesser, George Soliday, A. K. Zartman, C. F. Close, Sarah Knight, John Sweet, Frank Bercot, Martha Bishop, A. R. Hills, Geo. Saffen, Wm. Moore, S. Hively, Jas. Lonergan, L. W. Zigler, Louis Bercot, Emma Bitner, Louis Wilkenning, A. Rogers, Geo. Stephan, Margaret Boger, Sarah Weickart, Jennie Weickart, Wm. Traxler, C. Parker, P. Heyman, Frank Yahne, Wm. Smith, Ed. Seabold, Peter Kaylor, Catherine Schwartz, May Schaich, Elmer Payne, Misses Augusta Pratt, Lydia and Anna Doermer, Jennie Hively, Emma Schwartz, Emma Bercot, Josie Zartman, Lydia and Sybil Niedheimer, Bertha Gobo, Barbara, and Sarah Murbach, Edith Miller, Celia Amiet.

Entertainment committee—Mesdames A. K. Zartman, George Stephan, Wm. Bittner, Misses Emma Schwartz, Lydia Niedhamer. Cashier, Miss Josie Zartman.

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**PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND
LEADERS.**

Feb. 6. The Christian's confidence, 2 Sam., 22, 1-4; 1 Peter, 1, 3-9, Mary Rudisill,

Feb. 13.—Called to what? How? Isa. 6, 1-8; Mark, 1, 16-20. Josephine Zartman.

Feb. 20.—Every Christian a Missionary. Acts 1:1-11. William Walters.

Feb. 27. Getting Close to Christ. Luke 10:38-42. Jno. 27:20-26. William Rudisill.

THE Junior C. E. Society, January 9th, elected the following officers for 1898: President, Esther Katt; Vice-President, Anna Scheffler; Secretary, Bessie Tapp; Treasurer, Hazel Keplinger. The society now has thirty-eight members.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND
GOLDEN TEXTS.**

Lesson 6, Feb. 6—Our Father's Care. Matt. 6, 24-34. Golden Text, 1, Peter 5, 7.

Lesson 7, Feb. 13—The Call of Mathew. Matt. 9:9-17. Golden Text, Matt. 9:9.

Lesson 8, Feb. 20—The Twelve Sent Forth. Matt. 10:2-15. Golden Text, Matt. 10:8.

Lesson 9, Feb. 27—Warning and Invitation. Matt. 11:20-30. Golden Text, Matt. 11:28.

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